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Attorney Docket No. CAF-28502/03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ralph Barclay Ross et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,834

Group Art Unit: 3652

Filing Date: November 28, 2001

For: CARGO HANDLING APPARATUS



**PETITION TRANSMITTAL**

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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed are the following:

1. Petition for Extension of Time;
2. Copies of Petition for Filing Application by other than all Inventors and attachments previously filed on February 22, 2002;
3. Check for Extension Fee of \$720.00;
4. Check for Petition Fee of \$130.00.

Applicant respectfully requests to have the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) accepted for the above-identified application

On February 22, 2002, Applicant submitted a Petition for Filing Application by other than all inventors; Exhibits A, B, C & D; Request for Corrected Filing Receipt in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office. (DO/EO/US). The Petition Fee of \$130.00 was not included with

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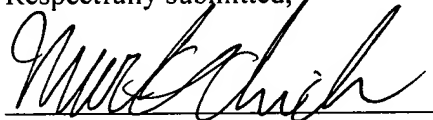
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the Petition Documents filed on February 22, 2002. In addition, these documents were filed in absence of the required Petition for Extension and related fee.

In view of this, Applicant has enclosed the required fee of \$130.00 in support of that Petition filed on February 22, 2002 and also enclosed the Petition for Extension of Time with the required fee for further processing of the above-referenced application. Copies of the documents filed on February 22, 2002 are included herewith. Since the extended deadline does not expire for several more days, Applicant is submitting the missing document and fees to perfect the filing within the statutory time period.

Therefore, in view of the above information and enclosed petition and fees, Applicant respectfully requests that this request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Inventor: Ralph Barclay Ross et al.

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**PETITION FOR FILING APPLICATION BY OTHER  
THAN ALL THE INVENTORS – UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The inventor of the above-identified application, Mr. Ralph Barclay Ross, respectfully petitions to have the above-identified application accepted absent the signature of one joint inventor, Mr. Michael Wayne Crabtree, who has refused to join in the application:

1. This application is a 371 of PCT/GB00/00176 that was filed January 24, 2000.
2. Prior to January 24, 2000, the two joint inventors of the above-identified application, Mr. Ross and Mr. Crabtree, worked to develop the instant invention.
3. Thereafter, Mr. Ross, through his counsel, caused the above-identified application to be filed and has attempted to obtain the consent and signature of Mr. Crabtree.
4. Specifically, as seen in the attached Exhibits, on October 17, 2001, Mr. Andrew Shanks (a registered European patent attorney and counsel for Mr. Ross) sent a letter to Mr. Wayne S. Breyer (a registered U.S. patent attorney and counsel for Mr. Crabtree) requesting that Mr. Breyer obtain the consent and signature of Mr. Crabtree on a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application. See Exhibit A.

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5. Thereafter, on October 18, 2001, Mr. Breyer sent a letter to Mr. Shanks wherein Mr. Breyer states that: **"Mr. Crabtree has directed me to advise you that his signature will not be forthcoming."** Exhibit B at ¶ 2. *The third paragraph of Mr. Breyer's letter also indicates that Mr. Breyer has full knowledge of the subject matter in the above-identified application. See id. at ¶ 3.*

6. The last known address for Mr. Crabtree is: (per Exhibit B)

**Mr. Michael Crabtree  
c/o Wayne S. Breyer  
DeMont & Breyer, L.L.C.,  
P.O. Box 7490,  
Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702**

7. Attached herewith are copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney bearing the signature of Mr. Ross. (Exhibit C). The signature of Mr. Crabtree is blank as a result of his refusal to sign. Therefore, the Declaration should be treated as having been signed by all available inventors on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

8. On December 8, 2001, the U.S. Patent Office issued a filing receipt for the above-identified application that omitted Mr. Crabtree as an inventor. Exhibit D. The omission of Mr. Crabtree as an inventor on the filing receipt was in error. Therefore, a corrected filing receipt that properly names Mr. Ross and Mr. Crabtree as inventors in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

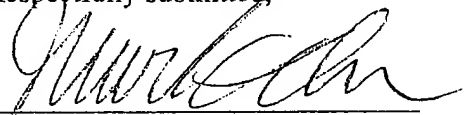
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9. In view of the refusal of Mr. Crabtree to join in the present application, inventor Ralph Ross is entitled to make such application on behalf of himself and Mr. Crabtree. Therefore, in view of the above information and facts, Mr. Ross respectfully requests that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT A**

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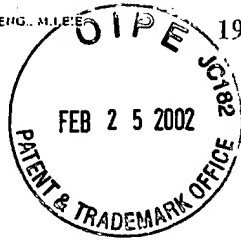
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17 October 2001

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Wayne S Breyer  
DeMont & Breyer LLC  
PO Box 7490  
Shrewsbury  
NJ 07702  
USA

Dear Mr Breyer

### Michael Crabtree & Ralph Barclay Ross

We represent Mr Ross in connection with various intellectual property matters; we understand that you act for Mr Crabtree. In particular, you are named as agent of record on Mr Crabtree's US Patent 6,182,837. If this is not correct, please advise us by return.

You may recall that Mr Ross and Mr Crabtree jointly invented an apparatus and method for secure handling of elongate objects, and that our client subsequently filed a PCT application in respect of the invention. A US national phase application has now been filed derived from the PCT application, naming both inventors as applicants.

In order to complete the filing formalities, it is necessary for us to file a Declaration and Power of Attorney from each inventor with the USPTO. We therefore hope that you may be able to assist in obtaining Mr Crabtree's signature on the enclosed forms.

If you do not believe this would be possible, I would be grateful if you were able to let me know by return, so that alternative steps may be taken.

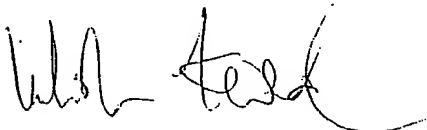
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you or Mr Crabtree have any questions, I would be pleased to answer them if possible.

Yours sincerely

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CRUIKSHANK & FAIRWEATHER

Andrew Shanks

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**EXHIBIT B**

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October 18, 2001

Via Facsimile

Andrew Shanks  
Cruikshank & Fairweather  
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Glasgow G1 3AE

RE: Michael Crabtree & Ralph Ross

Dear Mr. Shanks:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 17, 2001 concerning Messrs. Crabtree and Ross. In answer to your question concerning representation ... yes, I represent Mr. Ross.

In the letter, you advised of a need for Mr. Crabtree's signature to complete filing formalities for a U.S. national phase application. You requested assistance in obtaining Mr. Crabtree's signature or, alternatively, an indication that it would not be forthcoming, as the case might be. Mr. Crabtree has directed me to advise you that his signature will not be forthcoming.

I should point out to you that Mr. Ross and Mr. Crabtree did not jointly invent "an apparatus and method for secure handling of elongate objects," as U.S. Pat. No. 6,182,837 is titled. In fact, Mr. Crabtree is the sole inventor of subject matter that is claimed in that patent, is the sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed in PCT/US00/00887, and is the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in PCT/GB00/00176. Your confusion on this point is understandable since you have not the opportunity to speak with Mr. Crabtree.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Wayne S. Breyer*  
Wayne S. Breyer

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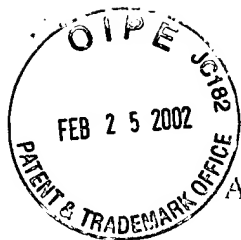
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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_

CARGO HANDLING APPARATUS, the specification of which  
☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on July 23, 2001,

as Application Serial No. 09/889,834

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/00176  
and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent & Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 USC § 119(a)-(d)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International Applications designating at least one country other than the U.S. listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Applications designating at least one country other than the U.S. having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

☐ no such applications have been filed

☒ application(s) listed below:

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)  
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC §119(e)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States Provisional application listed below:

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER APPLICATIONS UNDER 35 USC §120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International Application(s) designating the U.S. listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

And I hereby appoint Ernest I. Gifford, P.O. Reg. 20,644; Allen M. Krass, P.O. Reg. No. 18,277; Irvin L. Groh, P.O. Reg. No. 17,505; Douglas W. Sprinkle, P.O. Reg. No. 27,394; Thomas E. Anderson, P.O. Reg. No. 31,318; Ronald W. Citkowski, P.O. Reg. No. 31,005; Judith M. Riley, P.O. Reg. No. 31,561; Douglas J. McEvoy, P.O. Reg. No. 34,385; Ellen S. Cogen, P.O. Reg. No. 38,109; Roberta J. Morris, P.O. Reg. No. 33,196; John G. Posa, P.O. Reg. No. 37,424; Douglas L. Wathen, P.O. Reg. No. 41,369; Avery N. Goldstein, P.O. Reg. No. 39,204; Mark D. Schneider, P.O. Reg. No. 43,906; and Beverly M. Bunting, P.O. Reg. No. 36,072, as my attorneys, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Send all correspondence to: Judith M. Riley, 280 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 400, Birmingham, Michigan 48009; Telephone (248) 647-6000.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Full name of sole or first inventor

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Inventor's signature

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Full name of second, joint inventor, if any Michael Wayne CRABTREE

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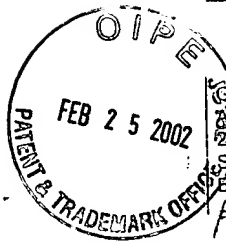
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# NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

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2. ☒ Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or the indicated items in paragraph 3 below. The Basic National Fee and the copy of the international application must be filed prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment.

- ☐ U.S. Basic National Fee. ☐ Copy of the international application.

3. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- ☐ a. Translation of the application into English. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
- ☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
- ☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
- ☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), properly identifying the application (preferably by the International application number and international filing date). A surcharge will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
- ☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
- ☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

4. Additional claim fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due (37 CFR 1.492(g)). See attached PTO-875.

5. ☐ Applicant has not submitted the required sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. See attached PCT/DO/EO/920.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 3(a)-3(d), 4 AND 5 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 OR 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. If box 3a or 3c is checked, a translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the Annexes will be cancelled. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
7. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

**A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response.**

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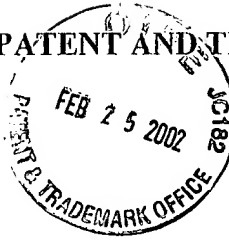
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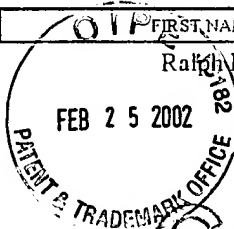


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